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In a November 21 meeting, poloff urged the GOM to send a delegation headed by the highest possible official to attend the BMENA Forum for the Future at the Dead Sea, drawing on points contained reftel. Bilateral Affairs officer Karim Halim expected but could not officially confirm that the Moroccan delegation would be led by Taieb Fassi Fihri, Minister-Delegate for Foreign Affairs. Halim noted that Fihri has been deeply engaged in the BMENA process since the GOM hosted the inaugural Forum for the Future in 2004. Youssef Amrani, the MFA's Director General for Bilateral Affairs, will attend, he added. Embassy assesses that Fassi Fihri, who is very close to King Mohammed VI and is closely associated with his reform plans, would be an excellent interlocutor at the Forum.

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